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Oct. 1 – Pope’s Address to Comboni Missionaries – Translated extracts (October 01, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Therefore, dear Brothers, we must always nourish ourselves with the World of God, to be its faithful echo; to receive it with the joy of the Spirit, to internalize it and make it flesh of our flesh as Mary did (cf. Luke 2:19). ...

I invoke upon you and upon all the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of missionaries.

Oct. 3 – Pope Francis’ Address to Members of Food Bank Foundation – Translated conclusion (October 05, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May Our Lady, Mother of Charity, protect you. ...

Let us, all together, pray to Our Lady. And I suggest something to you: in praying to Our Lady ..., think of a person, of two or three that we know, who are hungry and are in need of daily bread. Let us not think of ourselves, and pray to Our Lady for them. ...

Ave Maria ...

Oct. 3 – Prayer Vigil in Preparation for the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: Address of His Holiness Pope Francis – Translated extract (October 3, 2015, Vatican).

Jesus’ own human experience took shape in the heart of a family, where he lived for thirty years. His family was like any number of others, living in an obscure village on the outskirts of the Empire.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/october/documents/papa-francesco_20151003_veglia-xiv-assemblea-sinodo.html

Oct. 3 – Address of His Holiness Pope Francis: Prayer Vigil in Preparation for the SIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – Translated extract (October 3, 2015, Vatican).

Charles de Foucauld, perhaps like few others, grasped the import of the spirituality which radiates from Nazareth. This great explorer hastily abandoned his military career, attracted by the mystery of the Holy Family, the mystery of Jesus' daily relationship with his parents and neighbours, his quiet labour, his humble prayer. Contemplating the Family of Nazareth, Brother Charles realized how empty the desire for wealth and power really is.

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Oct. 4 – Pope Francis' Homily at Opening Mass of Ordinary General Assembly of Synod on the Family – Translated conclusion (October 04, 2015, ZENIT.org).

In this spirit we ask the Lord to accompany us during the Synod and to guide his Church, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Oct. 4 – Pope's Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (October 04, 2015, ZENIT.org).

We invoke the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, uniting ourselves spiritually to those who, at this moment, at the Shrine of Pompeii recite the "Supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary."

Oct. 4 – Pope's Message for Lent 2016 – Translated extract (January 28, 2016, ZENIT.org).

1. Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized.

... After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her Magnificat, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb (rahamim) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (hesed) shown within marriage and family relationships.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-lent-2016/>

Oct. 5 -- Synod 15 - Pope Francis' Address to First General Congregation – Translated conclusion (October 05, 2015, ZENIT.org).

We begin our journey, invoking the help of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph!

Oct. 7 – General Audience: On the Relationship Between the Church and the Family – Translated conclusion (October 07, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Today we celebrate the Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Dear young people, may the hope that dwells in Mary's heart infuse courage in you in face of the important choices of life; dear sick, may the Mother's fortitude at the foot of the cross support you in the most difficult moments; dear newlyweds, may the maternal tenderness of Her who received Jesus in her womb accompany the new family life you have just begun.

Oct. 9 – Pope's Appeal for Mideast, Africa Upon Opening Synod's 4th General Congregation – Translated conclusion (October 09, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May Mary, Queen of Peace and loving Mother of her children, intercede for all.

Oct. 10 – Pope's Message to Missionaries in Argentina – Translated conclusion (October 12, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May ... the Holy Virgin take care of you.

Oct. 11 – Angelus: On Jesus' Loving Gaze – Translated conclusion (October 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

The Virgin Mary helps us to open our hearts to the love of Jesus, to the gaze of Jesus, the only one who can quench our thirst for happiness.

Oct. 12 – Pope's Message for 60th Anniversary of Latin American Bishops' Council – Translated conclusion (October 30, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I impart to all CELAM's members and collaborators and to the whole Latin American and Caribbean Episcopate my Apostolic Blessing, putting in the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America, all these intentions so that, through her intercession, Our Lord Jesus Christ will raise ever new and more holy missionary disciples in our Churches, and more courageous builders of peace and justice in our nations.

Oct. 14 – General Audience: On Promises Made to Children – Translated conclusion (October 14, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Holy Mother of Jesus -- through which the Son of God came to us, loved and generated as a child -- make the Church capable of following the way of her maternity and her faith.

Oct. 18 – Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis: Holy Mass and Canonization of the Blessed: Vincenzo Grossi, Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Ludovico Martin and Maria Azelia Guerin – Translated conclusion (October 18, 2015, Vatican).

The radiant witness of these new saints inspires us to persevere in joyful service to our brothers and sisters, trusting in the help of God and the maternal protection of Mary

Oct. 18 -- Pope's Angelus Address –Translated conclusion (October 18, 2015, ZENIT.org).

And now we turn ourselves to the Virgin Mary with filial love.

Oct. 22 – Pope’s Message on ‘Vocation and Mission of the Laity’ – Translated conclusion (November 12, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I pray to the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Virgin, that your Congress will be a stimulus for all – Pastors and lay faithful – to have in the heart the same anxiety to live and implement the Council and to bring the light of Christ to the world.

Oct. 25 – Pope's Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (October 25, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, help us also to implement the signs emerging in a style of fraternal communion.

Oct. 26 – Pope's Address to Chaldean Bishops – Translated conclusion (October 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Entrusting the Chaldean Church to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary,

Oct. 26 -- Pope’s Address to World Pilgrimage of Gypsy People – Translated extracts (October 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

You have the example of Blessed Zeffirino Gimenez Malla, son of your people, who is distinguished for his virtues, humility and honesty, and for his great devotion to Our Lady, a devotion that led him to martyrdom and to be known as “Martyr of the Rosary.”

... Mary is also in this heart [of the Church], venerated by you as Our Lady of the Gypsies, whom we will shortly crown again to recall the gesture carried out by Pope Montini fifty years ago. I entrust you, your families and your future to her

Oct. 28 – General Audience: On 50 Years Since 'Nostra Aetate' – Translated conclusion (October 28, 2015, ZENIT.org).

They [Muslims] ... honor his Virgin Mother, Mary,

At the end of the month of October we invoke Mary, Mother of Jesus. Dear young people, learn to pray to her with the simple and effective prayer of the Rosary; dear sick, may Our Lady be your support in the trial of pain; dear newlyweds, imitate her love for God and for brothers!

Oct. 29 -- Pope's Address to Radio Maria – Translated extracts (October 30, 2015, ZENIT.org).

This [diffusion of Radio Maria] should not astonish one too much, because Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, under whose name and protection your Radio is placed, is able to find the way to carry out great works from small and humble beginnings.

.... In fact, by spreading the Gospel and devotion to Jesus' Mother and promoting love of the Church and of prayer, you offer a valid "channel" to hear beautiful reflections, to learn to pray, to deepen reflection on the contents of the faith, which build and enlarge the horizons.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-address-to-radio-maria?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_content=\[ZE151030\]%20The%20world%20seen%20from%20Rome&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch&utm_term=Image](http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-address-to-radio-maria?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_content=[ZE151030]%20The%20world%20seen%20from%20Rome&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch&utm_term=Image)

Oct. 30 – Pope's Address to Pilgrims Celebrating Blessed Oscar Romero – Translated conclusion (October 30, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Peace, whose feast we celebrated a few days ago, I invoke God's blessing upon you and all the dear sons and daughters of that blessed land.